

PRO-GERMAN PROPAGANDISTS IN ILLINOIS PROMPTLY SQUELCHED

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, March 8.—Enforced loyalty has been placed on a business basis in Macoupin, Madison and Montgomery counties, in Southern Illinois, where the activities of pro-German propagandists recently became so pronounced that vigilance committees in numerous towns have forced hundreds of suspected persons to make public manifestations of their allegiance to the government. In one town two alleged leaders of seditious movements were tarred and feathered.

Branches of the American Defense society operating through vigilance committees in practically every town in the district have taken the lead in stamping out disloyalty. The first move to oust the propagandists was made in Staunton, where an alleged leader of the I. W. W. and a Chicago attorney were escorted to the city limits, coated with tar and feathers and started walking in different directions. The reason for this aggression was said to be the activity of the men in causing dissension among several thousand coal miners near Staunton.

On the same night more than one hundred persons were made to sign pledges of loyalty.

News of the use of such stern

measures spread and within a week Worden, Mount Olive, Gillespie, Williamson, Hillsboro and several other smaller towns made demonstrations. In some of these towns scores of persons were taken from their homes and requested to make public professions of their loyalty. Several men were taken from their beds and, kneeling on the sidewalk, were forced to kiss every star in the flag. Some were made to sing the national anthem, while others were compelled to play patriotic airs on musical instruments. Protests against such actions were construed as evidences of disloyalty. In several such instances arrests were made and federal charges preferred against the men.

The most serious result of the demonstrations was in Hillsboro, where Clifford Donaldson, 21 years old, was shot when the vigilance committee called at his father's home in search of I. W. W. members. Shots were exchanged. Donaldson was killed and E. B. Emory, city marshal, and Ernest Flath were wounded. Later it was learned Donaldson had enlisted in the navy only a few days before his death and that his father was unacquainted with any of the suspected persons.

Members of the vigilance commit-

tees deny that they counsel violence. They declare that their actions have the approval of civic officers. They insist that the district embraced by Madison and Montgomery counties for some time has been the objective of an active campaign by pro-German sympathizers.

As evidence of their success they point to a recent meeting of representatives of more than 1,800 members of a miners' union in Staunton. In less than one week after two alleged seditious leaders had been tarred and feathered, the union voted a contribution of \$810 per month for the Red Cross, purchased \$1,000 worth of thrift stamps, reinstated all members who had lost standing because of army or navy enlistment, arranged for payment of their dues during the period of the war and ended a mass meeting in such a burst of patriotic fervor that the singing of the national anthem was drowned in cheers for President Wilson and the government.

Reports from other cities where demonstrations were staged indicate that the same leaven of patriotism is at work and that prospects are bright for a fulfillment of the wish of "loyalty" leaders that the district be made "one hundred per cent American."

HUNS INDIGNANTLY DENY REPORT THAT POLYGAMY IS ENCOURAGED

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, March 8.—Circulation in other belligerent countries of the report that official recognition of polygamy had been given in Germany, in order to fill up as quickly as possible the tremendous gaps which the war has made in the German army, has aroused indignation in the German empire. This report is said to have been mentioned in the British house of commons by Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign minister, and by Lord Robert Cecil, the British minister of munitions.

In the religious weekly paper, Die Christliche Welt, Prof. Martin Rade declared recently that polygamy is countenanced neither by the German government nor by the German people.

HOME PLEASURES AT BATTLE FRONT

(By Associated Press.)

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., March 8.—When the men of the national army left their homes and came to Camp Lewis to take their place in preparing to fight the battles of democracy, they did not leave behind all the pleasures and entertainment they enjoyed at home. In fact, many of them found living at Camp Lewis had many attractions of a nature not provided at home.

Particularly is this true of the Liberty theatre, a large structure seating 3000 persons on its only floor and providing first run motion pictures, entertainments by soldier talent and soon to give the soldiers the best in vaudeville and other entertainment through the effort of Col. E. A. Braden, prominent theatrical manager and director of camp entertainment.

Though the plain wooden seats form a strange contrast to the elaborate upholsterings of the metropolitan theatre, the distinction between the Liberty theatre and the playhouse of the big cities ends there, for the stage equipment, settings and electrical arrangement are the best to be had anywhere and the acoustics are so perfect ordinary conversation from the stage can be heard distinctly in the farthest corner of the house.

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The theatre already has proved a popular part of life at camp. Only the best in motion pictures is being played and frequently the theatre cannot accommodate the men who seek admission.

ANTI-WAR SECTS HAVE ARISEN IN PRUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, March 8.—A notion that Mormon missionaries from America have been corrupting the German soldier and seeking to tempt him to desertion is propagated by the Lutheran church consistory for the province of Pomerania, which, according to the Kreuz Zeitung, has sent the following circular letter to the local district clergy:

"We are given to understand by the authorities that various anti-war sects have arisen in Eastern Prussia which make it their business to induce soldiers to desert and which furnish such deserters with opportunities to hide from the law. One of these sects calls itself variously the 'New Adventists' or 'War Adventists.' They believe that Holy Writ commands them to assist those who object to military service."

"Mormons also have wrought similar evil, so that an American anti-war propaganda would seem to be at work. We urgently ask our reverend brethren to keep diligent watch and advise us promptly of any signs pointing to such baneful activities in their parishes."

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the activities of the "Eden and Mitagsbund" movement and the "Hammer Community," whose ideas for increasing the birth rate and to breed the "Germanic superman" are regarded as distinctly peculiar.

Then there is the "German Society for Regeneration" and the "Order of the New Templars," which want to maintain the balance of births as against the fertility of the Semitic races. Finally, a society named "Ariana" frankly advocates free love. None of these sects, the Tageblatt asserts, is of any importance. The paper further argues that the societies only work on the theories of Darwin and Gobineau—both of them non-Germans—who advocated selective breeding of a superior grade of human beings.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

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